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Appropriation—Twelve Per Cent of Gross Revenues of Municipalities for Sanitary Service. (Act 81, Mar. 14, 1912.)

SEC. 36. That beginning July 1, 1912, and until otherwise provided by law, 12 per cent of the gross revenues of each municipality in Porto Rico be, and the same is hereby appropriated, and shall be collected by the treasurer of Porto Rico and by him covered into the insular treasury to meet in part the expenses incurred by the sanitary service performed according to law, and regardless of the aggregate of said expenses so incurred, and: *Provided*, That municipalities owning their own waterworks or controlling free supplies of water shall furnish therefrom free of cost to the service of sanitation such quantities of water for flushing and watering the streets, flushing sewers, etc., as may be required for the public service by and to be used under the direction of the service of sanitation, provided that it does not jeopardize the supply of water for the inhabitants of the municipality, and: *Provided, further*, That it shall be the duty of municipalities to maintain and repair the public works of a permanent character designed to protect public health, and the director of sanitation, in case such obligation is not complied with within a reasonable time, shall notify the municipal council of the necessity of such maintenance and repair, and if no attention should be paid to his said notification he shall notify the attorney general of Porto Rico, whose duty it shall be to institute the proper legal proceeding in the district court of the judicial district wherein the municipality is situated, in the name of the people of Porto Rico, for the purpose of compelling compliance with such notification; it shall also be the duty of the municipalities to construct public works of a permanent character designed to protect public health, provided that the necessity therefor for the health of the inhabitants of the municipality is manifest, and that they have sufficient funds within their regular income for such construction, and the director of sanitation may, in such cases, call attention to the necessity for the aforesaid public works, and in case that the same are not made within a reasonable time thereafter, then the director of sanitation may bring the matter to the attention of the attorney general, whose duty it shall be to commence the proper legal proceeding in the district court of the judicial district wherein the municipality is situated in the name of the people of Porto Rico, for the purpose of compelling compliance with said notification.

Civil-Service Rules—To Apply to Appointments in the Service of Sanitation. (Act 81, Mar. 14, 1912.)

SEC. 37. That appointments of all employees other than the director, assistant director, and members of the board of health shall be subject to the civil-service rules: *Provided*, That all persons holding such appointments in the service of sanitation at present shall be considered as having been appointed within the provisions of this act and the civil-service law.

Appropriations Transferred—Repealing Clause. (Act 81, Mar. 14, 1912.)

SEC. 38. That the act approved March 9, 1911, to provide Porto Rico with a law of sanitation, with the exception of section 34 thereof, which shall remain in force and effect until July 1, 1912, is hereby expressly repealed, and all laws or parts of laws not consistent with this act are likewise repealed: *Provided, however*, That the unexpended balances of funds appropriated and made available by the provisions of the act of March 9, 1911, entitled "An act to provide Porto Rico with a law of sanitation," for the establishment and maintenance of the service of sanitation, as well as such other funds in the insular treasury not otherwise appropriated as shall be required for that purpose, are hereby appropriated and shall continue to be available for expenditure on account of the service of sanitation until July 1, 1912.

SEC. 39. That this act shall take effect April 1, 1912.